## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

#### PARALLEL NETWORKS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

AEO, INC.; AEO MANAGEMENT, CO.; AMWAY CORPORATION D/B/A AMWAY GLOBAL; AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS, INC.; AOL, INC.; BARNES & NOBLE, INC.; BARNESANDNOBLE.COM, LLC; BASS PRO, INC.; BASS PRO SHOPS OUTDOORS ONLINE, LLC; BESTBUY, INC.; BORDERS GROUP, INC.; BRAWN, LLC; CABELA'S, INC.; COLDWATER CREEK, INC.; CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.; DELTA AIR LINES, INC.; FOOTLOCKER, INC.; FOOTLOCKER.COM; GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY; ZAPPOS, INC.; HAYNEEDLE, INC.; ICONIX BRAND GROUP, INC.; IP HOLDINGS, LLC; JUICY COUTURE, INC.; KOHL'S ILLINOIS, INC.; LF, LLC; LIMITED BRANDS, INC.; LIZ CLAIBORNE, INC.; LOWES COMPANIES, INC.; LOWES HOME CENTERS, INC.; MAPQUEST, INC.; MUSICIAN'S FRIEND, INC.; NORDSTROM, INC.; ONESTOP INTERNET, INC.; ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, INC.; PATAGONIA, INC.; OVC, INC.: RAMPAGE CLOTHING COMPANY, INC.; RECREATIONAL **EQUIPMENT, INC.; REDBOX** AUTOMATED RETAIL, LLC; RESTORATION HARDWARE, INC.; SONY CORPORATION OF AMERICA: SONY ELECTRONICS INC.; SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.; STAPLES, INC.; SUNGLASS HUT INTERNATIONAL, INC.: ZAPPOS CORPORATION; THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, INC.: THE NORTH

Civil Action No. 6:10-cv-00275 Hon. Leonard Davis FACE, INC.; THE ORVIS COMPANY, INC.; TIFFANY & CO.; TRIPADVISOR LLC; US AIRWAYS, INC.; VF OUTDOOR, INC.; WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.; WOMEN'S APPAREL GROUP, LLC D/B/A BOSTON APPAREL GROUP, LLC; AND ZAPPOS RETAIL, INC.

Defendants.

# ZAPPOS RETAIL, INC.'S ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIMS TO PARALLEL NETWORKS, LLC'S COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Defendant Zappos Retail, Inc. ("Zappos"), by and through its attorneys, hereby answers the Original Complaint for Patent Infringement ("Complaint") filed by Plaintiff Parallel Networks, LLC ("Parallel Networks"), and files the Counterclaims enumerated below. Zappos denies the allegations and characterizations in Parallel Networks' Complaint unless expressly admitted in the following paragraphs:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 2. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 3. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
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truth of the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.

- 5. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 5 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 6. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 7. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 7 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 8. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 8 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 9. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 9 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 10. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 11. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 11 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.

- 12. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 12 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 13. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 13 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 14. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 14 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 15. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 15 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 16. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 16 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 17. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 17 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 18. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 19. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 19 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such

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- 20. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 20 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
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truth of the allegations of Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.

- 28. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 28 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
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- 41. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 41 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 42. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 42 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such

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- 57. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 57 of the Complaint, and, therefore, denies all such allegations.

58. Zappos admits that it is a corporation with a place of business in Henderson, Nevada.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. Zappos admits that Parallel Networks' claim purports to arise under 35 U.S.C § 1 et seq., but denies that the claim is meritorious. Zappos admits that, for the purpose of this action only, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). Zappos admits it engages in business activities via the Internet, including its website at www.Zappos.com, which is accessible in this District and to residents of Texas generally, but not necessarily directed purposefully or solely at this District or the residents of Texas generally. Zappos admits that, for the purpose of this action only, it is subject to the personal jurisdiction of this Court. Zappos specifically denies that it has committed any acts of infringement in this or any other District. Zappos denies the remaining allegations and characterizations of Paragraph 1 of the Complaint to the extent such allegations are directed at Zappos. Zappos is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any other allegations of Paragraph 32 of the Complaint, and therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 2. Without admitting that it is necessarily proper or convenient, for the purposes of this action, Zappos admits that venue is permissible under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 (b), 1391(c), and 1400(b). Zappos denies that it has committed any acts of patent infringement. Zappos denies the remaining allegations and characterizations of Paragraph 2 of the Complaint to the extent such allegations are directed at Zappos. Zappos is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any other allegations of Paragraph 2 of the Complaint, and therefore, denies all such allegations.

# COUNT I INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,446,111

- 3. Zappos admits that U.S. Patent No. 6,446,111 ("the '111 patent") lists on its face an issue date of September 3, 2002, and that the '111 patent is entitled "Method and Apparatus for Client-Server Communication Using a Limited Capability Client Over a Low-Speed Communications Link."
- 4. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Complaint, and therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 5. Zappos admits that one or more claims of the '111 patent recite "a server coupled to a communications link and operable to receive a request from a client device and to collect a plurality of data items, wherein the data items comprise specific information collected as a function of the request; an executable applet dynamically generated by the server in response to the request, a constituent system associated with the applet comprising a subset of the data items, each data item in the subset used as at lease one pre-loaded value in the applet; a further constituent system associated with the applet comprising a data interface capability configured to provide a plurality of operations on the pre-loaded values, the operations comprising operations associated with the subset of the data items; and the applet operable to be transferred over the communications link to the client device." Zappos is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of Paragraph 36 of the Complaint, or such allegations constitute legal contentions to which no response is necessary, and therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 6. Zappos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the Complaint, and therefore, denies all such allegations.

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#### PARALLEL NETWORKS' PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Zappos denies the underlying allegations of Parallel Networks' Prayer for Relief against Zappos, denies that Parallel Networks is entitled to any relief whatsoever, and requests that the Court deny all relief to Parallel Networks, enter judgment in favor of Zappos, and award Zappos its attorneys fees as the prevailing party in the action.

To the extent that any allegations of the Complaint have not been previously specifically admitted or denied, Zappos denies them.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Zappos asserts the following Affirmative Defenses in response to Parallel Networks' Complaint. Zappos reserves the right to amend its Answer to add additional Affirmative Defenses, including instances of inequitable conduct, as they become known throughout the course of discovery in this case. Assertion of a defense is not a concession that Zappos has the burden of proving the matter asserted.

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

237. Zappos has not infringed, and does not infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, any valid claim of the '111 patent, whether directly, indirectly, individually, jointly, contributorily, and/or by inducement.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

238. The claims of the '111 patent are invalid and/or unenforceable because they fail to satisfy one or more of the conditions for patentability specified in Title 35 of the United States Code, including, without limitation, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112.

# THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

239. Parallel Networks' claims for relief are statutorily limited in whole or in part by Title 35 of the United States Code, including without limitation, 35 U.S.C. §§ 286 and/or 287.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

240. Parallel Networks' claims that Zappos indirectly infringes the '111 patent, either contributorily or by inducement, are barred, in whole or in part, because Zappos is not liable to Parallel Networks for the allegedly infringing acts for any time periods during which Zappos did

not know of the '111 patent and/or did not have the specific intent to cause infringement of the '111 patent and/or otherwise did not know that its actions would constitute indirect infringement.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

241. Parallel Networks' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrines of laches, waiver, acquiescence, and/or estoppel.

## **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

242. Parallel Networks' claims are barred by the doctrine of prosecution history estoppel based on statements, representations, and admissions made during the prosecution of the patent application resulting in the '111 patent before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

## **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

243. Parallel Networks' claims for injunctive relief are barred because there exist adequate remedies at law and because Parallel Networks' claims otherwise fail to meet the requirements for such relief.

## **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

244. Parallel Networks has failed to state a claim for which relief can be granted.

# ZAPPOS' COUNTERCLAIMS FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

Zappos, for its counterclaims against Plaintiff Parallel Networks, states and alleges as follows:

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. These counterclaims seek declaratory judgment of non-infringement, invalidity, and unenforceability of the '111 patent asserted by Parallel Networks in this action. Zappos seeks

judgment under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, 2202.

#### **PARTIES**

- Zappos is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business at 2280 Corporate
   Circle, Henderson, NV 89074.
- 3. On information and belief based on Paragraph 1 of the Complaint as pled by Parallel Networks, Parallel Networks is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business in Tyler, Texas.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over these counterclaims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), and 2201-02.
- 5. Parallel Networks has consented to the personal jurisdiction of this Court at least by commencing its action for patent infringement in this District, as set forth in its Complaint.
  - 6. Venue is permissible in this District pursuant to at least 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c).
- 7. On information and belief, the '111 patent was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 3, 2002. Parallel Networks, based on averments in its Complaint, claims to be the assignee of the '111 patent and claims to hold the right to sue and recover for past, present, and future infringement thereof. Parallel Networks also claims that Zappos has infringed the '111 patent.

# COUNT I DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING NON-INFRINGEMENT

- 8. Based on Parallel Networks' filing of this action and at least Zappos' First
  Affirmative Defense, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the parties as to whether or not Zappos has infringed the '111 patent.
- 9. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201 *et seq.*, Zappos requests a declaration by the Court that Zappos has not infringed, and does not infringe, any valid claim of the '111 patent, whether directly, indirectly, individually, jointly, contributorily, and/or by inducement. Zappos does not have an adequate remedy at law.

# COUNT II DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING INVALIDITY

- 10. Based on Parallel Networks' filing of this action and at least Zappos' Second Affirmative Defense, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the parties as to the validity of the claims of the '111 patent.
- 11. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §2201 *et seq.*, and Title 35 of the United States Code, Zappos requests a declaration by the Court that each claim of the '111 patent is invalid for failing to satisfy the conditions for patentability specified in 35 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*, including, without limitation, §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112. Zappos does not have an adequate remedy at law.

# COUNT III DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING UNENFORCEABILITY

12. Based on Parallel Networks' filing of this action and at least Zappos' Second, Third, Fifth, and Sixth Affirmative Defenses, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the parties as to the enforceability of the '111 patent.

13. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §2201 *et seq.*, Zappos requests a declaration by the Court that the claims of the '111 patent are unenforceable. Zappos does not have an adequate remedy at law.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Zappos respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Zappos' favor against Parallel Networks and issue an order that includes:

- A. A declaration that Zappos has not and does not infringe, either directly, indirectly, or otherwise, any valid claim of the '111 patent;
  - B. A declaration that the claims of the '111 patent are invalid;
  - C. A declaration that the '111 patent is unenforceable;
- D. A permanent injunction preventing Parallel Networks, including its officers, agents, employees, and all persons acting in concert or participation with Parallel Networks, from charging that the '111 patent is infringed by Zappos;
  - E. A declaration that Parallel Networks take nothing by its Complaint;
  - F. Denial of Parallel Networks' request for injunctive relief;
  - G. Dismissal of Parallel Networks' Complaint with prejudice;
- H. A declaration that this case is exceptional and an award to Zappos of its costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in this action; and
  - I. Further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

#### JURY DEMAND

Zappos hereby demands a trial by jury for all issues so triable.

Dated: July 29, 2010 Respectfully submitted,

# ZAPPOS RETAIL, INC.

By: /s/ Ruffin B. Cordell

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document has been served on July 29, 2010 to all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3).

/s/ Ruffin B. Cordell

Ruffin B. Cordell